

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph starting at page 22, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

That is, in the respective lithium ion secondary batteries 10, a cylindrical battery container 14 with a bottom composed of stainless steel is provided with an insulating material 18 at the bottom of the container 14. The electrode group 15 is accommodated in the aforementioned battery container 14. An insulating paper 16 is provided to an upper portion of an electrode group 15. The electrode group 15 is formed so as to have a structure in which the positive electrode 12, a separator 13 and the negative electrode ~~14~~ 11 are laminated in this order to form a belt-shaped laminated body and the laminated body is wound up or curled in a spiral-form so that the negative electrode 11 is positioned outside.

Please replace paragraph starting at page 23, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The separator 13 is formed, for example, from non-woven fabric, polypropylene porous film or the like. The electrolyte is packed in the battery container 14. An insulating seal plate 19 having an opening at central portion thereof is provided to an upper opening portion of the battery container 14, and the insulating seal plate ~~19~~ 19 is fluid-tightly fixed to the battery container 14 by inwardly caulking the upper opening portion of the battery container 14. The positive electrode terminal 20 is interfitted into a central portion of the insulating seal plate 19. One end of the positive electrode lead 17 is connected to the positive electrode while the other end of the lead 17 is connected to the positive electrode terminal 20. The negative electrode 11 is connected to the battery container 14 as a negative electrode terminal through a negative electrode lead (not shown).